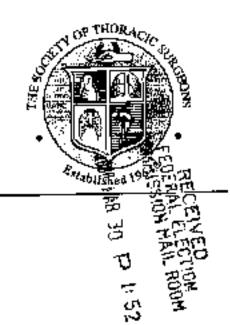
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REFERENCE: Year-End Report (07/01/1999 - 12/31/1999)

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Through your letter dated 2/24/00 we learned that the FEC did not receive our FBC Year-End-Filing for 07/01/1999 – 12/31/1999. We have now realized that the report we thought we submitted electronically was not downloaded properly, due to a technical mistake. The report page indicated the report had been filed on 1/01/2000, but in fact, the upload had not successfully been completed as a result of our system's inability to access the proper computer port to transmit our report. After having our computer system's administrator consult with the FEC's technical support staff and solve the problem, we have resubmitted our report electronically and have confirmed with the FEC staff that the report was received.

We sincerely apologize for this error and will ensure that in future filings, a confirmation is received that a successful upload has been accomplished.

Sincerely,

Timothy Gardner, M.D.

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